

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Pantoliano *et al.*

Appl. No. (To be assigned)

Filed: (Herewith, as a Continuation of
09/459,996)

For: **Miroplate Thermal Shift Assay
Apparatus for Ligand
Development and Multi-Variable
Protein Chemistry Optimization**

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

Examiner: (To be assigned)

Atty. Docket: 1503.011000E

Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments into the above-identified application prior to the examination thereof.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-53 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Remarks

Entry of the foregoing amendment into the above identified Application, prior to examination thereof, is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, independent claim 1 is pending in the application. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

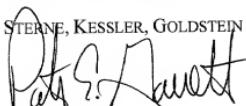
Conclusion

The amendments made herein introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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